

ARTS COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
 Meeting Location: McConnell Center
 Meeting Date: 9-9-19
 Meeting Time: 6:30 Room 323 McConnell Center

Present: Linnea Nemeth, Cliff Blake, Maria Ayer, Amanda Nelson, Rick Kincaid, Julia Kirshmer, Dennis Shanahan, Mike Lee, Jane Hamor, Kim Schuman, Yulia Rothenberg

Absent: Pam Becker

Guests: Shane Morin, Aaron Risi, Valerie Morin

Call to Order: 6:34

Citizens Forum

Aaron updated the Arts Commission about his work to date. He presented ukuleles at the Dover Children's Home which the kids loved. He wants to organize another benefit concert to raise toys to donate to needy kids during the holidays, but this is in the preliminary planning stages.

Minutes

Yulia made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting and Jane seconded. Passed unanimously.

City Arts Grant

Timeline

We need to determine when our next disbursement is going to be.

October 16th Grant Workshop Discussion

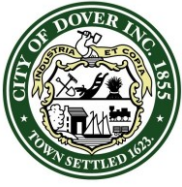
Yulia booked the room for 6-9 to give us plenty of time. Aaron will attend so he can talk to people about what he did to apply and what he did with the grant funds. Mike suggested we record the presentation. We should invite the city council to attend the workshop to see what we're doing with the grant money. We should also invite Lisa Burke-McCoy from NHSCA. Cliff is going to send out invites. We will not make the workshop a requirement, but we will strongly encourage people to attend. Kim will create a draft event on our Facebook page for Mike Gillis' final approval. Grant applications will be due January 1st and May 1st. We will hold a second grant workshop sometime in February.

We need to create a presentation for the workshop. Yulia will start a draft of a presentation.

Literary Laureate

Shane doesn't have any updates. Dennis said that the city council passed the ordinance that creates the Literary Laureate position. Shane will work on the part of the application that asks for literary requirements, and the Arts Commission will add in the requirements for having a seat at the Arts Commission table.

Community Performing Arts Theatre Consultant Update



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Cultural Plan

Dennis heard from Chris—Strafford Regional will be the consultant and plan to establish the steering committee next week. Linnea is already going to be on the steering committee.

Arts Community Brainstorming Session – January

The Commission discussed a plan about creating a meeting in which we can bring together members of the arts community to meet with each other to discuss what sort of events are happening, who is doing what, how can we help each other and not work at cross-purposes. What would we like to see? This would be a meeting by invite. We are tentatively calling it, “The State of the Arts in Dover.” We would need a space that has tables and a white board. Perhaps the Arts Center would be willing to host. We should shoot for holding this sometime in February. Everyone should bring suggestions of who to invite to the next meeting. We should also reach out to the Chamber or Main Street to see if they will partner with us. Jane will reach out to Rebecca Proctor about using the Art Center. Amanda will talk to the Woodman and Julia will talk to the Children’s Museum.

City Boards & Commission Meetings Update

400th Anniversary Committee

No one was able to attend due to the dates being advertised at the last minute. The committee meets the third Thursday at City Hall.

Coffee with the Mayor

The majority of the issues discussed at the meeting were about the availability of parking and the cost of rent (residential and commercial) in the city. Yulia has spoken with several artists and many of them are leaving their studios in Dover to move to Rollinsford or Rochester.

Apple Harvest Festival

The Recreation booth is completely full so we can’t tag team with them. We don’t have the numbers to staff our own booth so we won’t participate this time. The spaces are full and there is a wait list. We will look into this for next year.

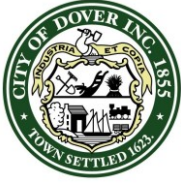
Art Walk / Locations and Sign-Ups

September-Linnea (Cara’s)

October-Rick (CMNH)

November-Yulia (CMNH)

December-Cliff (CMNH)

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Americans for the Arts

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New Business/Outreach

Yulia brought up a couple of new locations for tiny libraries that could double as a public art project. Perhaps we could work with Seacoast Charter School. The high school might be a good place to find students who are interested in building and decorating them. We should reach out to the library about the artistic side of the tiny libraries. Yulia will talk to Cathy at the library.

There was a question on the wording of the zoning ordinance re: public art.

The State Council on the Arts is interested in holding its annual Arts in Education in Dover, but we haven't heard any more details.

Yulia signed up for the creative communities conference in Concord.

Rick made a motion to adjourn and Yulia seconded. Passed unanimously.

Adjourned: 8:00